

keynote speakers

Friday, August 11th, Hörsaal 200, 6:30pm

SHEILA KENNEDY, FAIA

Principal: KVA Matx

MIT: Professor of Architecture

Professor Kennedy's talk will address the theme of waterfront design in the contemporary Anthropocene moment, when people, technology and the built environment intersect in unexpected ways with the dynamic natural ecologies of harbors and waterways in a changing climate. In her talk, Professor Kennedy will present recent work of her firm KVA Matx, and discuss emerging sustainable strategies for riverfront design projects that range in scale across four global contexts: North America, Europe, Brazil, and the Atlantic.

Sunday, August 13th, Hörsaal 200, 6:30pm

BASTIAN WIBRANEK

Research associate with Prof. Tessmann at the Department of Digital Design at the Department of Architecture at the Technical University Darmstadt.

His talk title is Digital Design Unit - designing for and with digital machines. "The machine is the architect's tool - whether he likes it or not. Unless he masters it, the machine has mastered him." Frank Lloyd Wright, 1908. Today's Architecture is largely determined by digital tools. This increases possibilities for architectural production and conceptualisation. The lecture focuses on different computational approaches to design and fabrication, exemplified through projects by the Digital Design Unit at TU Darmstadt.

Tuesday, August 15th, Hörsaal 200, 6:30pm

NINA RAPPAPORT

Architect critic, curator, and educator. Publications director at Yale School of Architecture and editor of the biannual publication *Constructs*, the exhibition catalogs, as well as the school's studio and symposia book series. She is director of Vertical Urban Factory

In her talk, "Vertical Urban Factory," she focuses on the spaces of production in cities that are significant in their design and contribute to a vital urban environment. It reexamines the modernist and contemporary factory, along with labor issues in the city and the impact of globalization while provoking future scenarios for urban manufacturing. She shows now that factories are cleaner and greener, smaller and taller, hybrid and flexible, they can be integrated into city life, creating a new paradigm for a sustainable, mixed-use, and more self-sufficient industrial urbanism. See: www.verticalurbanfactory.org